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Vote NO on Proposition 32, Special Exemptions Act on the November 6, 2012

Ballot

Proposition 32, the Special Exemptions Act, on the November 6, 2012 ballot has the effect of thwarting the ability and voice of hardworking Californians, including teachers, nurses, firefighters, and other workers from advocating on behalf of everyday Californians.

At first glance, the Special Exemptions Act appears to stop special interest money in politics. But a careful reading of Proposition 32 shows that it will not curb billionaire businessmen and super political action committees (PACs) from contributing massive amounts of money to sway the electorate and influence the political process.

Proposition 32 is restrictive legislation that advantages billionaire campaign contributors and super PACs by prohibiting working Americans from collectively contributing money to their own Political Action Committee through their unions. Corporations already outspend unions by more than 15 to 1 in politics. Workers will not

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be able to collectively advocate for local services, health and social services programs, public safety, public education, environmental protection and health and safety improvements but corporations and super PACs will still be able to do so.

Working Californians have historically stood up for low-income families, children and the elderly to protect and fight for their future and challenged the narrow special interest when corporations and super PACs have not done so. Proposition 32 would make it illegal for California workers to organize their voices to create and sustain a unified message.

If the unified voices of workers and the middle-class are restricted from raising money to finance their advocacy and campaign activity by limiting their ability to weigh-in on important local, state and national issues, then it could have far-reaching and lasting negative consequences for the future of public education, local government, our communities, and our state.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Support the rights of California workers and their unions to make their voices heard politically by not supporting Proposition 32 and urge all California voters to vote NO on 32 on the November 6, 2012 ballot.

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